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SUBJECT: EMBASSY VIEWS ON GREEK DOMESTIC SITUATION FOR
INTERAGENCY STUDY

1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BY JUNE 17 YOUR VIEWS ON THE FOL-
LOWING MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH AN INTERAGENCY MEMORANDUM
BEING PREPARED ON GREEK DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS:

(A) TO WHAT EXCENT HAS CARAMANLIS' POPULAR AND PARTY
STRENGTH BEEN WEAKENED BY HIS POSITION ON THE MONARCHY?

(B) HOW IS CARAMANLIS LIKELY TO OPERATE IN THE NEW CONSTI-
TUTIONAL SET-UP? WILL HE ADOPT A TOUGHER STAND TOWARD
ACTIVITIES OF THE LEFT?

(C) UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS WOULD CARAMANLIS CONSIDER FORMING
A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY?

(D) HOW SEVERE ARE THE ECONOMIC RESTRAINTS ON THE CARAMANLIS
GOVERNMENT?

(E) WHAT IS CARAMANLIS' CURRENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MILI-
TARY? TO WHAT EXTENT IS PLOTTING STILL GOING ON IN THE

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(F) WHO IS LIKELY TO SUCCEED CARAMANLIS IF HE SHOULD PASS FROM THE POLITICAL SCENE?

(G) HOW SERIOUS IS FACTIONALISM IN ND, EK/NF, AND PASOK PARTIES AND WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS OF SPLINTER GROUPS FORMING NEW PARTIES?

(H) ARE THERE ANY INDICATIONS THAT PAPANDREOU'S POPULAR STRENGTH IS GREATER NOW THAN LAST NOVEMBER?

2. WE ARE SEEKING EMBASSY COMMENTS RATHER THAN COUNTRY TEAM ASSESSMENT. KISSINGER

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